

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

DANIEL SMITH,

Plaintiff,

v.

SANGAN TRADING, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 25-cv-539

Judge Bissoon

**PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION ORDER**

WHEREAS, Plaintiff filed an *Ex Parte* Application for the following: 1) a temporary restraining order; 2) an order restraining assets and Merchant Storefronts (as defined *infra*); 3) an order to show cause why a preliminary injunction should not issue; and 4) an order authorizing expedited discovery against the Defendants identified on **Schedule “A”** to the Complaint and attached hereto (collectively, the “Defendants”). The Court has considered the Application, the evidence in the record, and the applicable law.

WHEREAS, Plaintiff filed an *Ex Parte* Motion for An Order Authorizing Alternative Service on Defendants Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(f)(3);

WHEREAS, On April 22, 2025, the Court entered the following Orders:

(A) (1) a temporary restraining order; (2) an order restraining assets and Merchant Storefronts, (3) an order to show cause why a preliminary injunction should not issue; and (4) an order authorizing expedited discovery against all of the Defendants identified on the attached Schedule “A”, and the Third-Party Service Providers and Financial Institutions, in light of

Defendants’ intentional and willful offerings for sale and/or sales of Infringing Products (“Application”); and

(B) Order Authorizing Alternative Service on Defendants Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(f)(3) (“the Alternative Service Order”);

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Alternative Service Order, all the Defendants have been served with notice of this Show Cause Hearing; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2025, Plaintiff appeared for the Order to Show Cause Hearing. None of the Defendants filed responses or contested the preliminary injunction order. Further, none of the Third-Party Service Provider(s) or Financial Institution(s) appeared.

Specifically, Plaintiff has presented evidence clearly demonstrating that Defendants are using, without authorization, Plaintiff’s copyrighted images<sup>1</sup> while promoting, selling, offering for sale and distributing knock-offs of Plaintiff’s Products in a willful attempt to pass off their knock-off products as genuine versions of Plaintiff’s Products within this district and throughout the United States by operating e-commerce stores established via at least one of the Internet marketplace websites Amazon.com, Temu, and Walmart.com under their Store Names and Seller Names identified on **Schedule “A”** of the Complaint (the “Seller IDs” (“Infringing or Knock-Off Products.”))

The Court having considered all of the arguments and evidence set forth in the respective parties filings, and as discussed in Court, having found good and sufficient cause to grant the

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<sup>1</sup> Plaintiff has obtained the following copyright registration on his original artwork used to market and advertise his art and products: VA 883-019. True and correct copies of the registration and the deposit copies are attached to the Complaint as **Exhibit 1** (the “Daniel Smith Works”).

injunctive relief as set forth below, and, for the reasons set forth on the record, it is hereby ORDERED:

### **I. Restraining Order**

A. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, as good and sufficient cause has been shown, the injunctive relief previously granted on April 22, 2025, shall remain in place through the pendency of this litigation, and issuing this Preliminary Injunction (hereafter “PI Order”) is warranted under 17 U.S.C. § 504, and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65.

Each Defendant, its officers, directors, employees, agents, subsidiaries, distributors, and all persons in active concert or participation with any Defendant having notice of this Order are hereby restrained as follows:

- (1) from (a) their unauthorized and unlicensed use of the Daniel Smith Works in connection with the distribution, marketing, advertising, offering for sale, or sale of any products; and (b) shipping, delivering, holding for sale, transferring, or otherwise moving, storing, distributing, returning, or otherwise disposing of, in any manner products which use the Daniel Smith Works;
- (2) from secreting, concealing, destroying, altering, selling off, transferring or otherwise disposing of and/or dealing with any computer files, data, business records, documents or any other records or evidence relating to their User Accounts,<sup>2</sup> Merchant Storefronts<sup>3</sup> or

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<sup>2</sup> As defined in the Application, a “User Account” is, as defined in the Complaint, any and all accounts with online marketplace platform(s) Temu, as well as any and all as yet undiscovered accounts with additional online marketplace platforms held by or associated with Defendants, their respective officers, employees, agents, servants and all other persons in active concert with any of them.

<sup>3</sup> As defined in the Application, a “Merchant Storefront” is any and all User Accounts through which Defendants, their respective officers, employees, agents, servants and all persons in active concert or participation with any of them operate storefronts to manufacture, import, export, advertise, market, promote, distribute, display, offer for sale, sell and/or otherwise deal in products which are held by or associated with Defendants, their respective officers, employees, agents, servants and all persons in active concert or participation with any of them.

any money, securities or other property or assets of Defendants (hereinafter collectively referred to as “Defendants’ Assets”);

- (3) effecting assignments or transfers, forming new entities or associations, or creating and/or utilizing any other platform, User Account, Merchant Storefront or any other means of importation, exportation, advertising, marketing, promotion, distribution, and/or display for the purposes of circumventing or otherwise avoiding the prohibitions set forth in this Order;
- (4) each Defendant, its officers, directors, employees, agents, subsidiaries, distributors, and all persons in active concert or participation with any Defendant having notice of this Order shall immediately discontinue use of the Daniel Smith Works within metatags or other markers within website source code, from use on any web page (including as the title of any product listing), from any advertising links to other websites, from search engines’ databases or cache memory, and any other form of use such terms or works which is visible to a computer user or serves to direct computer searches to Internet based e-commerce stores owned, or operated by each Defendant, including the Merchant Storefronts operating under the Seller IDs;
- (5) each Defendant shall not transfer ownership of the User Accounts or Merchant Storefronts associated with the Seller IDs;
- (6) each Defendant shall preserve copies of all computer files relating to the use of any User Accounts and/or Merchant Storefronts under the Seller IDs and shall take steps necessary to retrieve computer files relating to the use of the User Accounts and/or Merchant Storefronts under their Seller IDs that may been deleted before the entry of this Order;

(7) upon receipt of notice of this Order, Defendants and all financial institutions, payment processors, banks, escrow services, money transmitters, or marketplace platforms, including but not limited to Alibaba.com US LLC d/b/a AliExpress.com (“AliExpress”), Amazon.com, Inc. and its affiliate, Amazon Services LLC d/b/a Amazon.com (“Amazon”), eBay, Inc. d/b/a eBay.com (“eBay”), Whaleco Inc., a Delaware Corporation, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Pinduoduo Inc. which is owned by PDD Holdings (collectively, “Temu”), Walmart.com USA LLC and Walmart, Inc. (“Walmart”), and Context Logic, Inc d/b/a Wish.com (“Wish”) (“Third Party Service Provider(s)”) and Alipay US Inc. d/b/a Alipay.com (“Alipay”), Amazon Payments, Inc. d/b/a pay.amazon.com, and PayPal, Inc. d/b/a paypal.com (“PayPal”), Walmart d/b/a Walmart Pay (“Financial Institution(s)”), and their related companies and affiliates, shall immediately identify and restrain all funds, as opposed to ongoing account activity, in or which are hereafter transmitted into the accounts related to the Defendants as identified on **Schedule “A”** hereto, as well as all funds in or which are transmitted into (i) any other accounts of the same customer(s); (ii) any other accounts which transfer funds into the same financial institution account(s), and/or any of the other accounts subject to this Order; and (iii) any other accounts tied to or used by any of the Seller IDs identified on **Schedule “A”** hereto;<sup>4</sup>

(8) upon receipt of notice of this Order, Defendants and all financial institutions, payment processors, banks, escrow services, money transmitters, or marketplace platforms, including but not limited to the Third Party Service Provider(s) and the Financial

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<sup>4</sup> This Order contemplates that discovery may reveal that Defendants may have other user accounts operated by other Third-Party Service Providers and Financial Institutions and that the additionally discovered Third Party Service Providers and Financial Institutions, once identified and provided with notice, shall also be subject to the discovery, restraints and injunctions set forth in this Order.

Institution(s), shall immediately divert to a holding account for the trust of the Court all funds in or which are hereafter transmitted into all accounts related to Defendants identified in **Schedule “A”** hereto, and associated payment accounts, and any other accounts for the same customer(s) as well as any other accounts which transfer funds into the same financial institution account(s) as any other accounts subject to this Order;

- (9) The Third-Party Service Provider(s) and Financial Institution(s) shall further, within five (5) business days of receiving this Order, provide Plaintiff’s counsel with all data that details (i) an accounting of the total funds restrained and identifies the financial account(s) which the restrained funds are related to, and (ii) the account transactions related to all funds transmitted into financial account(s) which have been restrained. Such restraining of the funds and the disclosure of the related financial institution account information shall be made without notice to the account holders, until after those accounts are restrained. No funds restrained by this Order shall be transferred or surrendered by any Third-Party Service Provider or Financial Institution for any purpose (other than pursuant to a chargeback made pursuant to that Third Party Service Provider or Financial Institution’s security interest in the funds) without express authorization of this Court; (in order to confirm compliance with this Order, the Plaintiff is permitted leave to serve a subpoena on such Third Party Service Provider(s) and Financial Institution(s) seeking the following information: (a) Bank account and routing numbers registered and used with regard to each seller account; (b) Financial records and other documents identifying the use of third-party payment service providers such as Payoneer and Wise; (c) Dates when funds were last sent from the seller to their seller account and the respective amount transferred; (d) Dates when funds were last sent from the seller

account to the seller and the respective amount transferred; (e) amount and location of the seller's assets that are in Amazon's control; and (f) all documents identifying the Defendants.

- (10) Upon Plaintiff's request, any Internet marketplace who is provided with notice of this Order, including but not limited to the Third-Party Service Provider(s) and Financial Institution(s), shall immediately cease fulfillment of and sequester Defendants' inventory assets corresponding to the Seller IDs identified on **Schedule "A"** hereto in its inventory, possession, custody, or control, and hold such goods in trust for the Court during pendency of this action;
- (11) this Order shall apply to the Seller IDs, associated Accounts and Merchant Storefronts, and any other seller identification names, Accounts or Merchant Storefronts, Third Party Service Provider or Financial Institution accounts which are being used by Defendants for the purpose of infringing the Daniel Smith Works;
- (12) Defendants and all financial institutions, payment processors, banks, escrow services, money transmitters, or marketplace platforms, including but not limited to the Third-Party Service Provider(s) and the Financial Institution(s), subject to this Order may petition the Court to modify the asset restraint set out in this Order; and
- (13) this PI Order and the Alternative Service Order, shall remain in effect during the pendency of this action or until further order of the Court, and Plaintiff shall serve the Defendants with a copy of this PI Order in accordance with the Alternative Service Order.

B. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, as sufficient cause has been shown, that upon Plaintiff's request, any Internet marketplace that is provided with notice of this Order, including but not limited to the Third-Party Service Providers and Financial Institutions, is hereby restrained, and enjoined from engaging in any of the following acts or omissions pending the hearing and determination of Plaintiff's Application for a preliminary injunction, or until further order of the Court:

- (1) secreting, concealing, transferring, disposing of, withdrawing, encumbering or paying Defendants' Assets from or to financial accounts associated with or utilized by any Defendant or any Defendant's User Accounts or Merchant Storefront(s) (whether said account is located in the U.S. or abroad) ("Defendants' Financial Accounts") until further ordered by this Court; and
- (2) within five (5) days after receiving notice of this Order, providing services to Defendants, Defendants' User Accounts and Defendants' Merchant Storefronts, including, without limitation, continued operation of Defendants' User Accounts and Merchant Storefronts, and any other listings linked to the same sellers or linked to any other alias seller identification names being used and/or controlled by Defendants.

C. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, upon Plaintiff's request, within no later than five (5) calendar days of Plaintiff's request: all online marketplaces, including but not limited to, Amazon.com, eBay.com, AliExpress.com, Temu, Walmart.com, and Wish.com, shall upon receipt of this Order, suspend, block, tombstone, and/or delete any and any product

listings identified by the Plaintiff as either identical or substantially similar to the Daniel Smith Works, whether sold by the Defendant or other persons or entities.

D. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that upon Plaintiff's request, any Third Parties are ordered to suspend any listings of a product that Plaintiff asserts infringes the Daniel Smith Works and is identified as originating from outside of the United States and unfairly competing with Plaintiff's Product.

## **II. Order Authorizing Expedited Discovery**

A. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, as sufficient cause has been shown, that:

- (1) Plaintiff may propound interrogatories pursuant to Rules 26 and 33 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and Defendants, their respective officers, employees, agents, servants and attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, shall provide written responses under oath to such interrogatories within fourteen (14) days of service to Plaintiff's counsel.
- (2) Plaintiff may serve requests for the production of documents pursuant to FRCP 26 and 34, and Defendants, their respective officers, employees, agents, servants and attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, shall produce all documents responsive to such requests within fourteen (14) days of service to Plaintiff's counsel.
- (3) Plaintiff may serve requests for admissions pursuant to FRCP 26 and 36, and Defendants, their respective officers, employees, agents, servants and attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order,

shall provide written responses under oath to such requests within fourteen (14) days of service to Plaintiff's counsel.

B. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, as sufficient cause has been shown, that within fourteen (14) days of receiving actual notice of this Order, Defendants and all financial institutions, payment processors, banks, escrow services, money transmitters, or marketplace platforms, including but not limited to the Third Party Service Provider(s) and the Financial Institution(s), shall provide to Plaintiff's counsel all documents and records in their possession, custody or control (whether located in the U.S. or abroad) relating to Defendants' User Accounts and Defendants' Merchant Storefronts, including, but not limited to, documents and records relating to:

- (1) any and all User Accounts and Defendants' Merchant Storefronts and account details, including, without limitation, identifying information and account numbers for any and all User Accounts and Defendants' Merchant Storefronts that Defendants have ever had and/or currently maintain with the respective Third-Party Service Provider;
- (2) the identities, location and contact information, including any and all e-mail addresses of Defendants that were not previously provided;
- (3) the Defendants' methods of payment, methods for accepting payment and any and all financial information, including, but not limited to, information associated with Defendants' User Accounts and Defendants' Merchant Storefronts, a full accounting of Defendants' sales history and listing history under such accounts and Defendants'

Financial Accounts associated with Defendants' User Accounts and Defendants' Merchant Storefronts<sup>5</sup>; and

- (4) Defendants' unauthorized and unlicensed use of the Daniel Smith Works in connection with the distribution, marketing, advertising, offering for sale, or sale of any products, and any products which use the Daniel Smith Works.

### **III. Security Bond**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the \$5,000.00 bond posted by Plaintiff shall remain with the Court until a final disposition of this case or until this PI Order is terminated.

### **IV. Unsealing Order**

WHEREAS, the reasons for keeping the documents in this case sealed no longer exist, it is FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of Court is hereby directed to unseal all the documents previously filed under seal in this case, to the extent it has not already done so.

**SO ORDERED.**

SIGNED this 20th day of May, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

s/Cathy Bissoon

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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<sup>5</sup> The data produced to Plaintiff shall include the data and documents required to be collected by the Federal Trade Commission, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 45(f); *See also* Pennsylvania Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, 73 P.S. §§ 201-1, *et seq.* (Requiring Third Party Service Providers to collect and keep records pertaining to identities and locations of high volume sellers, as well as financial documents, including, W-8s and W-9s.)

**Schedule “A”**  
**Defendants with Store Name and Seller ID**

<b>Defendant Number</b>	<b>Store/Seller Name</b>	<b>Seller ID</b>
1	Sangan Trading	634418219779990
2	OHIGOU	634418218620481
3	HD ART SHOP	634418219081116
4	Artful Livin Wall Wonders Aesthetic Haven	634418219383612
5	OYZW painting poster expert	634418220317006
6	FANTTACY Wall Art	634418215968900
7	Trendy paintings ART	634418218029404
8	Oil painting poster expert	634418219622390
9	Art Gallerys	634418219247289
10	Blackberry Canvas Painting Shop	634418219124795
11	Floral Wall Decor	634418217882531
12	LuoWallArt	634418215969526
13	ailiaih	634418218669454
14	WWM Decorative Painting Poster	634418219874035
15	GQQ Decorative paintings and posters	634418219889337
16	ailiaif	634418218669357
17	Canvas Classics	634418219509905
18	Greedy Wall Art	634418218964551
19	LvF Wall Art	634418217862033
20	Rainbow bunny wall art	634418219458909
21	Amber Wall Art	634418218567328
22	SuSu Art Shop	634418218263026
23	CJP Decorative paintings and posters	634418220334728
24	YF Art and Aesthetics	634418220429715
25	Gummybear Wall Art	634418218509276
26	Decor Eyes	634418212153739
27	Artistic creator	634418217232517
28	ZhengBrightLoong	634418219532150
29	Renaissance Rewind	634418219430680
30	ZY decorative painting	634418220334811
31	MeiYan Trade	634418219787240
32	MeiYun Trading	634418219853027
33	HanlinAca ART	634418219744486

34	Canvas Classics One	634418219573843
35	Innterval ART	634418219630103
36	Canvas Heaven	634418217267075
37	XHY Decorative paintings and posters	634418219906822
38	LPF Art Workshop	634418220430081
39	Orange poster art	634418220349181
40	Decorative Painting Superman	634418219571237
41	Hoop Art	634418218100017
42	SailCanvas	634418218392789
43	Artistlifehappy	634418218569005
44	wang li Art poster	634418218252643
45	Silver Stream Wall Art	634418219038314
46	Lab Wall Art	634418215971277
47	TREASUER ILAND	634418218563530
48	CHEN JIAN MING TIN	634418220169743
49	Fun Supply Wall Art	634418219140453
50	WANG DE FO Art Decor	634418218918277
51	Oil painting Xiao Wang	634418219349495
52	arrebolcl ART	634418218752860
53	BkFuture	634418217949962
54	Holiday decoration posters	634418219043963
55	HE gallery	634418218195972
56	YA CHUN aluminum plaque	634418218869828